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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 6111

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: CI, PFOR, PGOV

SUBJ: PURGE IN FOREIGN MINISTRY

1. TWO DIFFERENT AND RELIABLE SOURCES HAVE TOLD EMBASSY OF MASSIVE PURGE DEC 10 OF SUSPECTED UP MEMBERS OR SYMPATHIZERS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY. APPARENTLY BETWEEN SEVENTY AND EIGHTY PERSONS WERE FIRED IN MINISTRY OFFICES IN SANTIAGO ALONE, WITH UNSPECIFIED ADDITIONAL NUMBER DISCHARGED FROM OVERSEAS FOREIGN SERVICE POSITIONS. PURGE HIT ALL LEVELS. MOST PROMINENT PERSON FIRED WAS FORMER DIR. PROTOCOL ROBERTO OTAEGUI (FORMER MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL LUIS QUINTEROS WAS PREVIOUSLY DISMISSED), BUT MANY SECRETARIES AND CLERICAL PERSONNEL WERE ALSO INCLUDED. MOST OF PERSONS DISMISSED PREVIOUSLY ENJOYED CAREER STATUS. REASON FOR DISMISSAL IN ALL CASES WERE APPARENTLY SECURITY GROUNDS, BASED ON FINDINGS OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. NO PUBLIC REPORT OF DISMISSALS HAS YET APPEARED IN CENSORED SANTIAGO PRESS.

2. COMMENT. THESE DISMISSALS ARE ADDITIONAL TO FIRINGS AND RESIGNATIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE HERE AND ABROAD IN IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH F SEPT 11 EVENTS, SUCH AS THAT OF QUINTEROS; HOW EXTENSIVE THEY WERE IS NOT KNOWN. RUMORS OF A COMING PURGE IN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE BEEN RAMPANT RECENTLY, AND THERE HAVE BEEN PUBLIC DEMANDS FROM RIGHT-WING PRESS FOR A THOROUGH HOUSE-CLEANING (SANTIAGO A-251). DISMISSALS PURPORTEDLY  
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REPRESENT SOME THIRTY PERCENT OF CHILEAN FOREIGN SERVICE.  
FOREIGN MINISTRY SHAKEUP MAY BE HARBINGER OF WHAT IS IN STORE

FOR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. MEANWHILE EXAMINATIONS HELD  
NOV 29 AND 30 FOR SOME 70 CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE VACANCIES  
AT BEGINNING LEVELS.  
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